

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of dynamically pre-fastening disposable absorbent articles having a slot-and-tab fastening system as the articles are driven forward at a relatively high velocity along a predetermined path, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a disposable absorbent article being folded longitudinally into a bi-fold configuration;
 - (b) inserting at least a portion of a tab member of the slot-and-tab fastening system through a slot of the slot-and-tab fastening system by positioning the slot member with a slot locator and by guiding the tab member with a guiding rail and a folding board;
 - (c) while holding the portion of the tab member being inserted through the slot, moving the slot member of the article opposite to the direction of insertion of the portion of the tab member until the slot of the slot member passes beyond a lip portion of the tab member to effect a complete insertion of the tab member through the slot member and to effect a closed configuration of the slot-and-tab fastening system forming a pre-fastened disposable absorbent article.